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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: US NUCLEAR TEAM:PRESS GUIDANCE

1. IN LIGHT OF BRIEF AP STORY FROM TOKYO ON NUCLEAR
TEAM'S VISIT, DEPT PREPARED FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE FOR USE BY SPOKESMAN ON AN IF ASKED BASIS:

Q: AP REPORTS FROM TAIPEI THAT A SEVEN-MEMBER US
MISSION HAS ARRIVED IN TAIWAN TO REVIEW THE ROC'S
NUCLEAR PROGRAMS. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US OF THE
SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE MISSION AND OF ITS
COMPOSITION?

A: THE TEAM COMPRISED OF SEVEN USG OFFICIALS REPRESENTING
VARIOUS AGENCIES, IS LED BY BURTON LEVIN,
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION TO STATE
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DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, THE TEAM ALSO INCLUDES
REPRESENTATIVES OF ERDA AND ACDA.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO REVIEW THE ROC'S
NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AND TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING
COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY.

THE TEAM EXPECTS TO BE IN TAIWAN FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

Q: IS THE TEAM VISITING TAIWAN BECAUSE OF THE NEWS STORIES SOME MONTHS BACK THAT THE CHINESE THERE MAY BE SEEKING TO ACQUIRE THEIR OWN REPROCESSING FACILITIES AS A STEP TOWARDS DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

A: THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS AS I HAVE STATED. AS YOU KNOW, THE ROC IS A PARTY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS AFFIRMED ITS INTENTION NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO REPROCESSING. THE ROC HAS CLEARLY STATED ITS INTENTION TO LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS AND WE FULLY EXPECT IT TO DO SO.

2. NO QUESTIONSON TEAM'S VISIT WERE ADDRESSED TO SPOKESMAN AT JANUARY 18 NOON BRIEFING.
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